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25 March 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretary of State
Secretary of Defense
Secretary of the Treasury
Secretary of Commerce
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs

I asked for the attached memorandum on how the decline in oil prices could create an opportunity for greater US leverage and influence around the world.

William J. Casey

Attachment:
"An Oil Price Drop and US Leverage"

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence


FROM : Robert M. Gates
Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Oil Price Declines and US Leverage

1. Action: None; for information only.

2. Background: The attached report was prepared in response to your question earlier this week on what an oil price decline might mean for US leverage/influence. As the paper indicates, it could open up a number of opportunities for us, especially because of the financial constraints an oil price decline will impose on the Soviet Union.

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Robert M. Gates

Attachment:
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